IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : HEINZ et al. TC/A.U. : 1636

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PLANTS EXPRESSING $\Delta 6$ -DESATURASE GENES PUFAS CONTAINING OILS FROM THESE PLANTS AND A PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF UNSATURATED FATTY ACIDS

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria VA 22313-1450

REPLY TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLAINT AMENDMENT

Honorable Sir:

This Reply is in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of February 12, 2007. Please reconsider the above-identified application in view of the following:

Amendments to the Claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

Applicant requests entry of the instant Amendments to the Clams and consideration of the instant Remarks/Arguments. The instant Amendments to the Claims and Remarks/Arguments have been revised in light of recent Federal Circuit rulings. Paper and computer readable copies of the sequence listing and amendments to the specification related thereto are believed to have been entered into the record as such issues were not re-raised by the Examiner in the Notice of February 12, 2007 or Notice of October 19, 2006.